



The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

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Representative James Phinizy, Chairman  
Environment and Agriculture Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 303  
Concord, NH 03301

**SUBJECT: HB 1332 - Relative to uniform solid waste reporting standards**

Dear Chairman Phinizy and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony about House Bill 1332. This legislation would require the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services (DES or Department) to develop uniform solid waste reporting standards for solid waste management districts. DES does not support HB 1332 as currently drafted, because we believe the agency already has sufficient legal authority to collect information about the generation and disposal of solid waste by solid waste districts or individual towns in New Hampshire.

RSA 149-M:29 requires that the Department provide a comprehensive report each year to the legislature on the generation and disposal of solid waste generated within the state. Two provisions of the DES Solid Waste Rules, Env-Sw 1105.07 and Env-Sw 1105.13, impose reporting requirements on all facilities holding a permit to operate a solid waste facility. These data have been collected since 1997 and include information on waste generated by municipalities and commercial enterprises, composting, recycling (including types and quantities recovered) and construction and demolition debris. Other data, including operating hours, source and destination of waste, imports and exports, a listing of operators, facility financing, and types of service provided are also collected. The Solid Waste Technical Assistance Section of the Department uses these data to prepare the annual report to the legislature, and to generate state and local recycling rates and target assistance to communities. Sample copies of the Annual Facility Report for each type of facility are available to the committee.

The Department will be available to work with the sponsors of HB 1332, the Committee and any subcommittee to address the issues presented by the bill. If you

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have any questions regarding this letter of testimony, please do not hesitate to call me or Michael Wimsatt, Director, Waste Management Division Director, at 271-2905.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Burack  
Commissioner

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